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CEDARVILLE COLLEGE DAY MIDWINTER ROUND-UP JAN. 18TH HEAR DR. JAMES JEREMIAH AND THE GUARDSMAN QUARTET



The Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio, had a special day on January 18th called "Cedarville College Day" coupled with "Mid-Winter Round Up" in the Sunday School. This day was a great success.

Dr. James T. Jeremiah, President of Cedarville College was the guest speaker with special music presented by the Guardsmen Quartet also from Cedarville. Present and former students and their parents gathered in the choir loft for the above picture.

Pastor Don Sewell, believing that Christian education is vital in this day and age, designated special offerings both in the morning and evening services for Cedarville's "Three to Grow On" Program.

"I Am A Captain..."

I am a Captain in the Army of Rome. I am under the authority of Caesar I carry out my instructions, and my men obey commands. We are men of action — trained to act with firmness, severity or brutality whenever required.

In compliance with orders from Pilate, we took Jesus of Nazareth prisoner. We led Him into the Governor's palace . . . treated Him as the basest of criminals — we didn't know He had promised to prepare a place for us in eternity.

We stripped Him of His clothes . . . then reclothed Him in a brilliant colored robe as a mockery — and without our knowledge, He provided clothes of righteousness for us.

We fashioned a crown for Him and placed it on His head . . . but it was made of cruel thorns — unaware that He had promised us crowns of Life, Righteousness and Glory.

We bowed before Him . . . as we jeered at Him — ignorant of the prophecies that every knee would bow to Him and every tongue confess His Sovereignty.

We shouted, "Long live the King!" . . . then spat on Him — blind to the fact that He was offering Himself that we might have Eternal Life.

We placed a stick in His hand as a symbol of authority . . . then we hit Him on the head with it — never realizing that He had planned for us to rule with Him in His new world.

We offered Him a drink . . . but it was vinegar mixed with gall, and after tasting it, He refused it — we didn't know that He had invited us to drink at the fountain of living water and never thirst again.

We made a sign, "This is Jesus, King of the Jews," . . . just before we pierced His side with a spear — we had not heard that He would sit on His throne as King and judge the world.

When He was hanging on the cross, He cried, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do"; and "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" and then He died.

The earth shook, rocks split, dead people came out of their graves and it was dark even though it was the middle of the day. We were terrified as it dawned on us that we had crucified the Son of God!

Now I am also a soldier for Jesus Christ . . . my aim is to know and obey His commands . . . **FOR NOW I KNOW WHO HE IS!**

—Major Arnold E. Sanderlin, U.S. Army
Reprinted from COMMAND.

Help! Help!

In our October '69 issue we made another plea for back issues of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST. Brother Earl Willetts of Berea, Ohio came up with some of these needed copies. *Thank you Brother Willetts . . . very, very much!*

We are anxious to have a complete file. PLEASE look around your house. Check in the attic, the basement, the garage . . . anywhere and everywhere . . . you might be able to help us!

If you should find any of the below listed issues, please send them to us . . . THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST, Box No. 160, Xenia, Ohio — 45385. Your help in this would be greatly appreciated.

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Serving In Lorain

The Emmanuel Baptist Church, Lorain, Ohio have called Mr. Thomas Moore, Jr. to serve as Youth Director. He began his work there on January 7, 1970.

Brother Moore formerly served as the Assistant to the Pastor in the Chelsea Heights Baptist Church, Atlantic City, New Jersey. He is a graduate of Baptist Bible Seminary, Clarks Summit, Pa.

Rev. and Mrs. Moore have one daughter, Marla JoAnne, who is now 5½ months old.

"Thank You, Lord!"

How would you like to be the pastor who receives the following from one of his young people? It was received by our brother Rev. Garrison Rice of the Bible Baptist Church in Bedford, Ohio and needless to say it warmed the cockles of his heart!

I AM A TEENAGER—

I am a teenager in the Bible Baptist Church and I had the privilege of sitting next to an adult Christian member of this church one evening service. I learned a precious thing. I usually talk during the services, but this night was different.

The sermons usually seem so very long because I just didn't pay attention. This night I didn't talk and the sermon didn't seem long at all — and I got a real blessing too! This taught me a good lesson and since then I try to sit with my parents or another adult so that I am not tempted to distract others. I do hope and pray that more of my teenage friends will start the year 1970 learning the lesson I have learned.

I heard that there are several teenagers who are dropping out of our youth group because they are not learning anything about Christ (cop-out). May God bless these teenagers and direct them in the lesson I have learned. May God bless you Pastor Rice in your ministry in the coming year.

—A Christian Teenager

Mortgage Burned



Mr. Edgar Hart, Mr. Harry Ingle and Pastor Kenneth Andrus.

The Blessed Hope Baptist Church of Springfield, Ohio celebrated the burning of the mortgage on their building on Sunday night, January 11, 1970. The evening program included a recorded message from Mr. Herman Harvey, now of Danville, California, who for many years served on the Deacons Board and was Chairman of the Building Committee when the present building was erected. Two other members of that Building Committee participated in the ceremony with pastor Kenneth Andrus. They were Mr. Edgar Harper and Mr. Harry Ingle. This evening marked the beginning of a new building fund aimed at finishing the building program begun 10 years previously when the present educational unit was erected. Plans are drawn and arrangements are being made for the construction of the sanctuary portion of the building.

Successful Banquet

YOUTH FOR TRUTH held a most successful Sweethearts Banquet and Rally on February 14 at Cedarville College. There was a good attendance and the evening was a time of fun and fellowship. Too, the food was excellent!

Young people were heard to say . . . "This was great!" Top talent was provided by the Messenger's Trio from Cedarville College. The 1970 King and Queen were chosen. Evangelist Paul Dixon brought a stirring message geared to youth.

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Gatling Gun Tongues

We are delighted to be able to present another stimulating article written by Dr. Earle G. Griffith, Vice President, Piedmont Bible College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Few men have the ability to express themselves in writing as does our friend and brother. Few are so bold to speak out against sin . . . particularly this sin . . . the sin of the loose tongue! Here is a message that should be read and studied by every believer!

A Christian journal, like a pulpit, cannot justify its existence if its function is but the passing out of pious pleasantries. Many of us never held membership in the "Three Little Monkeys" club. A normal human never understands the organs of speech, sight, and audition to be inately evil and therefore to be rendered inoperative. Your natural facilities are not to be padlocked.

It is no surmise to say that a definite portion of the ministry of the Hebrew prophets and all apostles, whose words inspiration has preserved, was denunciatory and expose in character. There is, however, no reason to believe that pinning a black label on another person was their chief or only ministry. No one of them was ever called to a reckless destruction of reputations.

At this moment we have in mind an evil clique of perennials, as universal as garden weeds, equally pestilential, whose tongues exude a deadly poison, especially against Christian colleagues who have a score of virtues to their one. They are incapable of a change of pace or improvement of techniques. They handle their nefarious business between dusk and dawn. As with moth, so with them, sunlight and fresh air would terminate their existence and work.

A member of this foul fraternity makes his way to your office, study, home or he sets up a chance sidewalk interview. Says he: "I am loathe to trouble you knowing your innumerable burdens. But sleepless nights and agonizing prayer impel me to unburden." Then follows his dastardly tirade of innuendo against any Christian whose great worth annoys him.

The "his" is generic since, regret-

tably often this self-appointed mote detector may wear a skirt and a blouse. The privilege of needling or knifing is not restrained by sex or age.

When he sees that his groundless accusations have served to shake the faith of the victim-listener, in the hapless absentee target, then follows a standard request of which only the weakest character is capable. "I have told you the honest-to-goodness truth. Do what you like. *But please do not mention my name. I do not want to be mixed up in this.* I have come because I felt led. But let it never be known I said a word. I will pray, you handle it."

He is either an illiterate, or not in Christian work, who will be surprised to learn that there is a clan of undercover agents who operate in just this fashion.

A few comments are long overdue. The Christian community harbors no set of evil doers so destructive as these I have labeled "Gatling Gun-



Dr. Earle G. Griffith

ners." The figure is a shade weak since, we understand, a gatling gun was traceable and more easily rendered powerless. Nothing carries the potential for good or evil of the human tongue. We heard recently of a city of 30,000 where every gospel church was in an open row. Church splits have been at times traceable to death-dealing worldliness, overlordship, infidels or false teaching, outside meddling and lesser causes, but it may be underscored that *irresponsible* use of the tongue has been the most prolific church killer. Flamboyant oratory and secret talk have this in common, both inflame the ignorant and ruin the innocent.

Let no one say that he lives in an orb where such seeds of iniquity cannot germinate. Churches, mission agencies, schools, service clubs all alike suffer from the work of this hidden ground-mole.

The effect is not a tempest in a tea pot. If the grave could yield up those sent to it prematurely by religious persons with scurrilous tongues what a host there would be. Near us lived what appeared to be a very fine young couple who held membership in a sister Baptist church. For over 20 years the body of that young wife has lain in the cemetery, sent there by an act of self destruction. But back of that fatal deed were the poisonous words whispered into the ears of her young husband by one of these who stoop to any level to gain their dark designs.

What may we say about character assassins? They do not have morality, history, expediency or the Bible to support them. We deal only with the last named appeal. It is Biblical for a person who submits a factual accusation to identify his name with his report. He who accuses must be prepared to back it up under oath. He is not to convert a friend into a coward's castle. See I Cor. 1:11. First Corinthians is occupied with evils in the Corinthian Church with its serious factions and fightings. Paul learned this by report, *but note, this is vital*, for 2,000 years the names of his informants have been on record, "the house of Chloe." Once again Paul shines forth in a brighter hue. He told others who told him and what they said.

Your contributor consulted the father of Carl Blackmore, composer of "Some Golden Daybreak," about some matters now several years past. He said: "I have a simple plan. When a Christian comes to me with a libel-

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. Inez Milner — Women's Editor—

Daily Light for March 6th

"He preserveth the way of His saints. The Lord your God . . . went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, to show you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day. As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: so the Lord alone did lead him. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with His hand. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish. We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. With us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles. The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy." — Daily Light (morning section) — March 6th.

Early one Friday morning, March 6, 1953, my husband and I read this portion at the breakfast table before he left home. He was on his way to pick up a group of Baptist Bible Institute Trustees who were to look over a small college campus in a little town called Cedarville. As he left I made the remark, "Honey, if this school is not for us, He is assuring us that He does have a place picked out for B.B.I." There was a Trustee meeting on Monday and in a short time Cedarville College was awarded to B.B.I. Joy and sorrow, assurance and anxiety mingled. Some know the difficult days and years that followed. Can we go on? Will the school close? *By God's grace* Cedarville College opened each September. *By God's grace* there was Commencement each spring. There were times when the only assurance and encouragement my husband and I had was to READ and RE-READ, DAILY LIGHT for MARCH 6th. God's Word IS truly "A LAMP UNTO OUR FEET AND A LIGHT UNTO OUR PATH!" Remember Daily Light for March 6th!!

INFLATION CREATES PROBLEMS

No doubt many of our readers receive THE MESSAGE. This is the official organ of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism.

In their January/February issue, Dr. Harold T. Commons, President, describes the financial status of the mission. Due to inflation . . . the high cost of living, both at home and abroad . . . they are being forced to make necessary "cutbacks" in their program. Some of these are sending THE MESSAGE out bi-monthly rather than monthly, deferring their film promotion program, tightening up on telephone calls, cables, postage and non-remunerative travel by staff members and the like.

In his article, Dr. Commons asked for prayer. He also asked for each reader of THE MESSAGE to examine their own situation and see if they could send a special gift to

their General Fund *at this time*. He stated that THE MESSAGE goes to over 40,000 addresses. If every reader would send \$5.00, it would mean \$200,000 which at this time would certainly put life into their program!

ABWE has down through the years proven itself to be an excellent missionary agency. Your editor was privileged to be a part of this mission for almost fifteen years. It would be wonderful if each reader of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST would send at least \$5.00 to these folk in this their hour of need. Bathe your gift with much prayer. Send your gift to: Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, Inc., 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Penna. — 19102. DO IT TODAY! THE LORD WILL BLESS YOU FOR SO DOING!

Missionary Family Says "Thank You!"

Quotes from an Air Mail letter of Jan. 2nd from Mrs. Harold Dark, C.A.R., Africa . . .

"As you are the editor of the Women's Page in the O.I.B. I have wanted to write and tell you what a blessing two Women's Groups in Ohio have been to our family. Before we left for the States the last time, I asked Gladys Baines if some group somewhere would be interested in helping a missionary daughter while her folks are on the field. I had in mind suggesting nylons and underwear once or twice a year and maybe a skirt and blouse once in a while. These items add up in a High School girl's life. We knew we would need help.

The Huntsburg Baptist Church adopted Eunice, our daughter, and have done far more than we ever dreamed of. Roses on her 16th birthday! Winter coats! Complete outfits for Easter and several in the Fall when school starts. They have invited her to spend some of her vacation time with them, and special parties in her honor! These are just a few of the many packages and gifts they have given her. This past Christmas she was there again and they paid her plane fare! They have kept this project for 3 years while we are on the field.

Last August our second daughter went to the States for High School. The Calvary Baptist Church, Painesville have adopted Pauline. They had a complete outfit ready for her when she landed. We had no winter clothes to send her, but they provided winter coats, sweaters, skirts, galoshes, dresses, underwear etc. They gave a special shower in her honor shortly after she arrived. Since then she has received a special Christmas dress and an invitation to spend some of her vacation there with them.

I've often wondered if these women really know how much this has meant to our girls. Eunice has written several times that she marvels how good the Lord has been to her. We as parents have not met these groups but are looking forward to meeting them next furlough. While complete strangers to our family, yet they have been a tremendous blessing and help. The fact that someone cares this much for missionary daughters when their parents are so far away is tremendous! I thought this might be a blessing to you. These groups are to be praised and commended!

Important Dates For The Ladies

Berean Women's Missionary Fellowship Rally will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, 5851 E. Wallings Rd., Broadview Hts. 44147. Telephone: 526-1316, on Thursday, March 19th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. with Coffee-an' from 9:50-10:10. *Special Speaker* — Miss Patsy King, with Baptist Mid-Missions, returning soon to Central African Republic. *Theme*: "... I Have Much People In This City." (Acts 18:10b). *Projects*: The Refrigerator for Baptist Mid-Missions Home Office, and Food Shower for Camp Shalom Lake. *Workshops*: Each church asked to give 5 minute demonstration, such as packing a dress in a half-gallon carton etc. *Election of Officers*. *Nursery* — by reservation. Bring your sandwich. Salad, dessert and beverage furnished. All women invited. Do come and bring someone with you.

North Bethel Women's Missionary Fellowship — First Baptist Church, Stryker, Ohio, Thursday, April 2nd. Check with your church for details.

Cedarville College Women's Fellowship — at College Library, Saturday, April 11th, 10:00 a.m. Excellent Program. Luncheon reservation necessary. **ANOTHER MEETING** at the

College Library, Friday, June 5th at 10:00 with an excellent program. Luncheon reservation necessary. **COMMENCEMENT** on Saturday, June 6th, 10:00 a.m.

Our G.A.R.B.C. National Conference, June 22-26 in Denver.

Baptist Mid-Missions Tri-Annual Conference, Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, July 11-15.

Berean Women's Missionary Fellowship Rally, Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Cleveland, Thursday, Sept. 17th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Cedarville College Women's Fellowship, at College Library, Friday, October 16th. Luncheon reservation necessary. Homecoming, Saturday, October 17.

O.A.R.B.C. Annual Association Conference, October 19-21, Berea Baptist Church, Berea.

Baptist Mid-Missions Annual Conference, Goodwill Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, November 14-18.

Our Women's Missionary Union of O.A.R.B.C. Spring Rally will be held April 21st. Miss Patsy King is the special speaker. Theme — "LET US CONSIDER" (Haggai 1:5 & 7).

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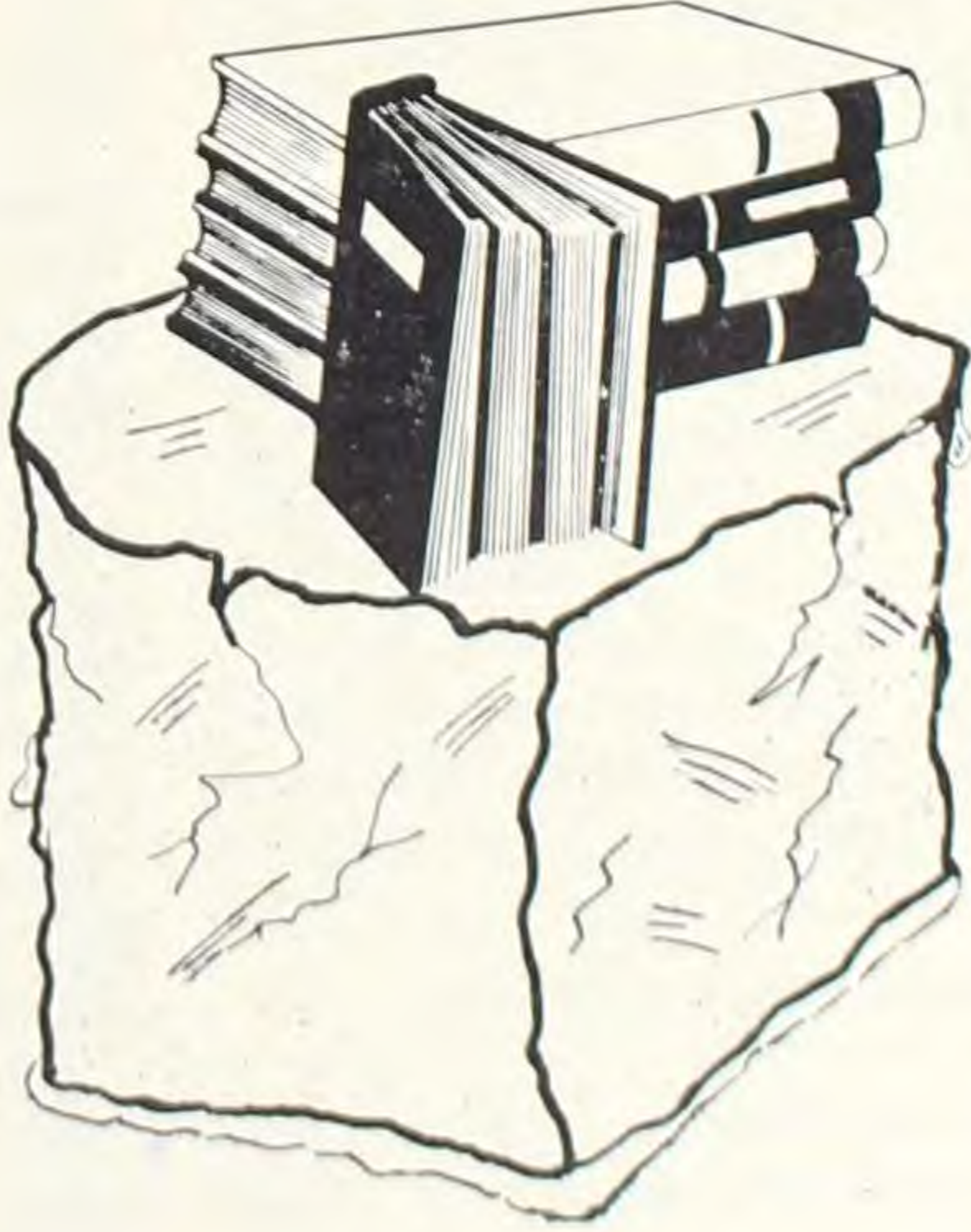
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CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH,
FINDLAY —

The basketball team from the Los Angeles Baptist College and Seminary in Newhall, California and their coach, Mr. Pete Reese, were special guests at a recent Sunday evening service. About 30 of our teenagers made a trip to Milan, Michigan for a sleigh ride and a time of spiritual refreshment.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
GALION —

Blessings were many during our evangelistic meetings. Brother Wm. Fusco brought stirring messages. Our missionary Betty McKeehan has returned to her field of service in Brazil. Pastor and Mrs. Booth had an enjoyable week in Florida during February.

KIRTLAND BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH —

Our Sunday School is holding a "Record Breaking Contest." Classes are competing one against the other. The contest will end on Easter and the winning class will be given a party in honor of their efforts. Our goal is . . . "101 before 71".

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
MEDINA —

At our church business meetings we voted to continue our missionary giving percentage at 40% of our church income. It was also voted to increase our Assistant to the Pastor's salary \$50 per month.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH,
MINFORD —

During the month of February we emphasized missions. Guest speakers throughout the month included Murray Heron of Quebec, Canada, George Norton of Brazil, S.A., Charles Anderson of France and others.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
NILES —

Special evangelistic services were held with our editor, A. Donald Moffat bringing the messages. There were those who came to Christ for salvation. Our newly remodeled auditorium has been completed. It is indeed a thing of beauty. "It is the Lord's doing and is marvelous in our eyes!"

POLAND VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH,
POLAND —

In December Pastor Domokos preached on the subject — "The Christian Home." Many commented on the message and expressed their appreciation. (Editor's Note: We are writing Brother Demokos for a copy of the message so that we might run it in the pages of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST.)

AVON BAPTIST CHURCH —

The Fred Ritchardson Evangelistic Team ministered at our church the early part of February. Our Ladies Missionary Fellowship had Mrs. De-Elda Payton, missionary to the Philippines (ABWE), as a guest speaker for their monthly meeting.

HIGHVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH,
AKRON —

Pastor Dale Fisher completed his ministry here on February 11. He has accepted a call to the Central Baptist Church in Gary, Indiana. We would appreciate the prayers of others as we seek the Lord's man to serve as our new pastor.

NORTON BAPTIST CHURCH,
BARBERTON —

Pastor Klein spoke each afternoon for an entire week over radio station WCRF, (Moody Bible Institute) located in Cleveland. We are now making plans for an Evangelistic Crusade with Rev. Jack Downs as guest evangelist. These meetings will be held April 5-12.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH,
BEDFORD —

The members and friends of our church were shocked and saddened by the news of the death of Brother Don Grizzel in an air accident. He served faithfully as an usher in our church and his warm smile and hearty greeting were always welcome. He was one who loved his church, his pastor and his Lord.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH,
CLEVELAND —

Our church has received and accepted a challenge from the First Baptist Church of Kenmore, Akron to an attendance contest during the month of March. During February we had a Gospel team from Cedarville College with Dr. James Jeremiah as speaker.

HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH,
COLUMBUS —

We are having a Sunday School Contest with the First Baptist Church in La Paz, Indiana. Our goal is 300 by Easter. The Pastor and Sunday School Superintendent of the losing Sunday School will have to eat crow . . . REAL CROW!

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH,
COLUMBUS —

The first Sunday of February, following the evening service, a reception was held honoring Pastor Wm. Abernathy and his family on the first anniversary of their work at Immanuel. They were presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and given expressions of gratitude for their ministry during the year.

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH,
COLUMBUS —

The Lord blesses our ministry to the community through the pages of The Hilliard Northwest News. Our radio broadcast — "Sound of Maranatha" can be heard each Sunday evening at 8:30 p.m. over station WCOL-FM 92.3.

WASHINGTON HTS. BAPTIST CHURCH,
DAYTON —

A number of decisions for salvation and rededication of life were made during the Mel Stadt meetings. During February and March, Pastor Fetzer is bringing a series of messages on prophecy. These are being illustrated with charts.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
ELYRIA —

We recently had Dr. and Mrs. Donn Ketcham present the work of Medical Missions in East Pakistan (ABWE). Our "Older Teens" held a "Winter Retreat" at Sky View Ranch. Everyone had a great time! Brother Don Sewell and Brother Don Kreuger from Toledo were there as guest speaker and musician.

BIBLE MISSION BAPTIST CHURCH, REYNOLDSBURG —

We recently voted to purchase a car for our pastor. Also, the church voted that they meet all of the car expenses. During February we had the privilege of having Rev. Wm. Kuhn of the Hiawatha Baptist Missions minister from our pulpit.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, SANDUSKY —

Our regular Annual Missionary Conference began this year with a "Kick Off" banquet. Missionaries B. Williams and E. Mitchell were our special speakers.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNBURY —

The Lord blessed in our meetings with Brother Don Moffat (Editor of the O.I.B.) who was our guest evangelist. Our giving has increased almost \$100 per week and our missionary giving is now about 17% of our total income. Five years ago we had but 21 members. Today there are 90. We praise the Lord for His blessing!

FAIRFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, THURSTON —

We recently had the privilege of having missionary Allen Adler (BMM) tell of his work among the Navajo Indians. We are praising the Lord for the progress we made as a church in 1969.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, VAN WERT —

Our pastor has challenged us to read our Bibles through in 1970. A schedule for reading has been posted on our church bulletin board. Also, a question box has been placed in the church foyer for questions that arise out of our Bible reading. Our State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh, spoke to us recently.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, WESTLAKE —

We had the joy of having Brother Gerald Smelser of the Cleveland Hebrew Mission minister to us recently. During 1969, our church passed the \$62,000 mark giving. We do indeed praise the Lord for this!

WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH —

A special offering was given to missionary Robert Davis and his family. They are newly appointed missionaries to Japan (ABWE). Our Sunday School attendance has been higher of late.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, XENIA —

Mr. Monroe Duffie is serving as our Interim Pastor. He presently is a school teacher in West Alexandria. EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, XENIA —

In February missionary L. Clifton Miller (BMM) presented the work of Campus Bible Fellowship. Miss Ruth Yost, Congo (BMM) is to be with us in March. Our evangelistic meetings with "Dusty" Rhodes as guest evangelist will run from March 30 through April 5.



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Apostate Church By July 4, 1976?

It is reported that COCU (Consultation on Church Union) has set 1976 as its goal for the completion of the creedless apostate church. July 4, 1976 is the 200th anniversary of the founding of our nation and it is the date set by the Communists to take over our country, according to their plan called "Operation '76."

It is the alleged plan of COCU to tone down all concepts of God as Creator and Saviour, and finally to eliminate them. All who resist will be persecuted. There is to be a "World Bible," in which Christ will be stripped of His deity and will be presented as merely a teacher and reformer.

It is said that certain groups already are seeking legislation to delete from the Bible passages describing the crucifixion and to ban mention of it in the pulpit.

It is high time that Christians who are concerned and who realize the very real danger that they can lose their right to minister the gospel, dissociate themselves from those who are engaged in all sorts of compromise and are dialogueing with the enemy.

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A Psalm and A Poem

By Ralph T. Nordlund

(Read Psalm LXVIII in your Bible first)

Let God arise — yea, Christ is risen,
And enemies now flee before Him;
Like smoke they drift away and wizen,
While righteous worshippers adore Him.

Sing praise, ye orphans, over sorrow,
Rejoice, thou lone and widowed mother:
He breaks death's chain and rules the morrow
As Lord and Judge and loving Father.

Speak out, ye women who beheld Him,
And conquer kings with this, your story:
The pow'r that from the grave propelled Him
Shall wing and gild your words with glory.

By myriad chariots well-attended,
With angels like a cloud surrounding,
The risen Christ to heaven ascended,
And showered behind Him grace abounding.

We see our Christ in time's procession,
On high, and where His feet have trod.
He rides the heavens to claim possession;
And kingdoms answer, "Blest be God."

We do not claim that the Sixty-eighth Psalm celebrates the resurrection of our Lord, but only that its references to His ascension make it appropriate for an Easter meditation. The full truth is that it does not directly deal with Christ's ascension either, but only makes the bringing of the Ark into Jerusalem a type of the victory of God over all His enemies foreign and domestic, and of the final victory when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of Jehovah. Since this triumphant ascension of Jehovah-Elohim comes through the resurrection and ascension of His Son, Christians have indeed been right, from Paul's day until the present, in seeing the victory of Christ in it — particularly in verse eighteen. We have made bold to see all the imagery of that triumph as a poetical adumbration of our Saviour's resurrection, ascension and final victory; and we trust that the very boldness of it will prove a blessing. In an age of defeat, that is often called post-Christian by blatant unbelievers, we need to be bold and declare our conviction that the final victory is with the Lord and His Christ, and that the real Christian age is not behind us, but before.

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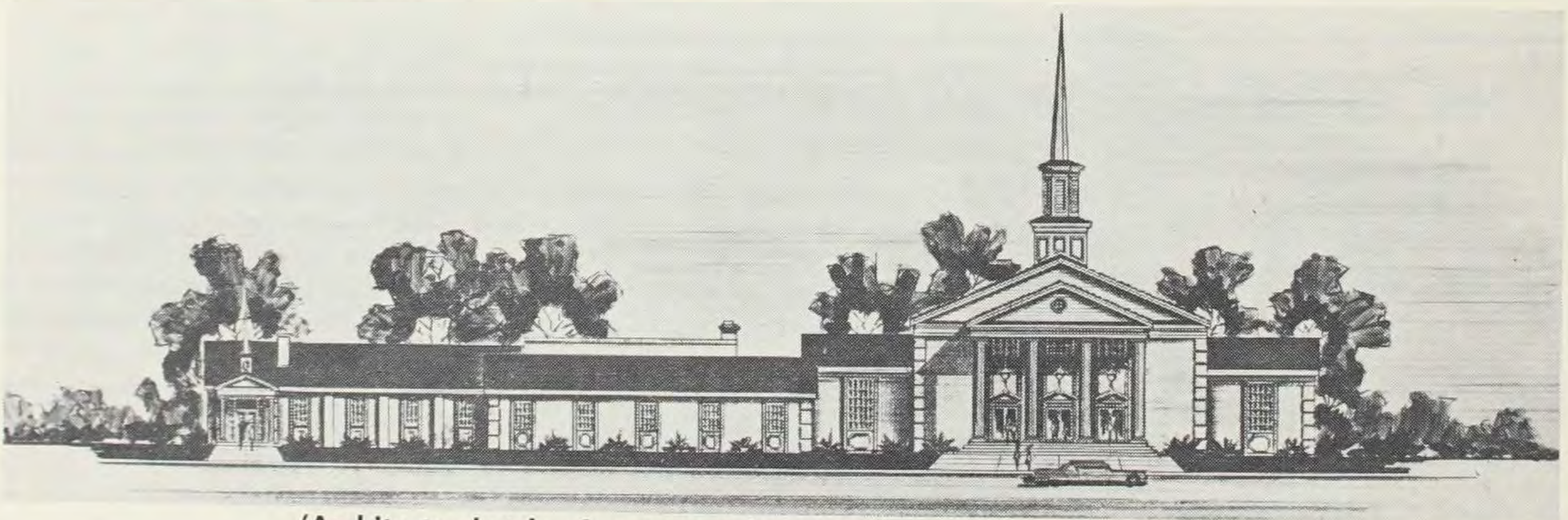
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Columbus Area Pastors Voice Their Objections!

The Fundamental Ministers Fellowship, Columbus, Ohio was disturbed (and rightly so!) with the recent Sunday openings of the major stores in the Columbus area. They were determined to do something about it. They drew up a resolution and had it run in a number of local papers.

One large store in the Columbus area is Lazarus. They have stopped their Sunday openings. Rev. Wm. Brock, Maranatha Baptist Church, Columbus wrote them a letter commending them for their action. In their reply they said the following . . .

I am sure that you are aware of the nationwide trends towards Sunday retailing. It was the pressure of these trends and our desire to afford our customers added holiday shopping conveniences that caused us to temporarily change our long standing policy not to open our stores for business on Sunday. Our decisions against year round Sunday retailing are based on advice and counsel from many of our friends, in and outside of the clergy, who believe it to be damaging to the life style of Columbus. Although indications are that retailing pressures will mount, it is our intention to make every effort to hold to our policy and resist year round Sunday openings where Lazarus stores are concerned."

Brother Brock told us that one large merchant in his area had told him . . . "The majority of Sunday business is done from 11:45 to 1:30 seemingly as the churches let out their morning services." It has been noted that the Sears store has changed their hours so that now they are open only from 12:00 to 5:00.

It might be a good thing for churches to write such stores as Sears, Roebuck and Company and Pennys. Direct such letters to: Sears, Roebuck and Company, 925 So. Homan Ave., Chicago, Illinois — 60624; J. C. Penny Company, 1301 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York — 10019. Send copies of your letters and/or petitions to your state legislators too.

We present here a copy of the resolution adopted by the Fundamental Ministers Fellowship, Columbus, Ohio. These men should be commended for taking this stand!

FROM: FUNDAMENTAL MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP, Columbus, OHIO.

Resolution adopted December 15, 1959.

The recent announcement and opening of the major stores of Columbus every Sunday is a further step in the realization of the complete irreverence on the part of America to any semblance of that which the Bible calls the "Lord's Day".

It is regrettable that our major retailers seem to find that they must follow the crowd. It would seem that these large merchants could have been leaders instead of following even at the risk of losing business. We are aware that the present almost universal opening of all stores in the Columbus area on Sunday is a matter of economics. However, it would seem that the Word of God, the Bible, should have something to say in this matter.

The Fundamental Ministers Fellowship of Columbus deeply regrets all Sunday openings and the continuing effort to make the "Lord's Day" just another day of the week. We would encourage all stores and merchants, especially those who can be leaders, to reconsider their present position and this every Sunday opening. We would urge all Believers to refrain from shopping on Sunday and as much as possible to patronize retailers who remain true to a six day week.

As this resolution is printed, we believe that we see the suggestion of this resolution begun in the announcement by our leading retailer, The F. And R. Lazarus Co., that their stores will now be closed on Sunday. We commend them for their leadership and their willingness to take such a step — May this be the beginning for the others to follow.

The Word of God says, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Righteousness has to do with conduct. Our present conduct on Sunday opening has no possibility of pointing to righteousness. The Columbus area could be an example, but it would take the cooperation of both retailers and people. Is there a leader in the crowd? The above previous paragraph shows there is.

It Didn't Work In Sweden At All!!

Sweden has been widely written up in periodicals as a nation far advanced in its liberal views of sex and sex education. The argument that restraint increases crime and immorality is contradicted by statistics indicating that there has been a 97 percent increase in the juvenile crime rate between 1950 and 1965. Alcoholism among the 15 to 17 year olds increased 143 per cent between 1954 and 1959. Between 1955 and 1959 there were 1727 suicides by juveniles. All other statistics in these areas show a terrible increase.

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Project Astronaut

The silent majority has spoken!

Over one million letters and petitions supporting Apollo 8 Astronauts Borman, Lovell and Anders in their 1968 Christmas reading of the Bible were displayed in Times Square for three days beginning Friday, December 19. The letters were a part of "Project Astronaut" spearheaded by the Family Radio Network.

In January, 1969, after hearing that Madeline Murray had gathered some 27,000 signatures to protest the reading of Scripture from Apollo 8, Family Radio began a drive to acquire 100,000 letters from American Citizens supporting the Apollo 8 crew's action. This drive was called Project Astronaut. It was not designed as an attack on Madeline Murray or as an infringement upon her rights to speak her beliefs. Rather this was a program to encourage Americans to stand and speak their convictions.

The original goal of 100,000 letters was quickly reached and the letters continued to pour in. By mid-September 2-1/2 million letters and petition signatures had been received. These were presented to Dr. Thomas O. Paine, Administrator of NASA on September 24 at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Subsequently, another one million letters were forwarded to NASA. An additional one million letters and petition signatures made up the Times Square display. Thus, over four-and-a-half million concerned Americans have indicated their support and commendation of the Bible reading by the Astronauts of Apollo 8. These letters are still arriving at a rate of about 100,000 a week. This is perhaps the largest voluntary commendation of an act by man that has ever occurred in our nation's history or perhaps in the history of the world.

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the convenience of his own people. The response was overwhelming. Two days after the initial distribution, a call was received at the church office for 300 more. One of the ladies from the church had left a copy on her desk where she works — others saw it, the whole office force wanted one. This was repeated later in the week only with a larger number of copies being requested. On and on go the details — sufficient to say that the end result was approximately 3000 extra copies being run off and distributed . . . all from outsiders! Every last one of them wanted to express their approval of the astronauts. Pastor Bice remarked . . . "This was another demonstration to our people that God still over-rides the forces of Satan!"

A Good Definition

by Warren Wiersbe

Some years ago, I read the following statement on a church bulletin board:

*A Christian is a person who is
FORGIVEN*

*FORGIVING and
FOR GIVING*

What a wonderful definition!

A Christian is a person who is *for given*. Having received Christ as his Saviour, the believer is forgiven forever of all his sins. "Having forgiven you all trespasses" states Colossians 2:13; and Hebrews 10:17 promise "And their sins and iniquities will remember no more!"

But a Christian is also *for giving*. He has experienced the grace of God in his own heart, he certainly cannot carry anything within against his brother. Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:32: ". . . forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Some of the most miserable people I know are Christians with unforgiving spirits. They still carry within malice and unkindness toward those who have offended them. A real Christian — one who wants to glorify Christ — will settle these things privately and lovingly, for a real Christian is forgiving.

Finally, a Christian is *for giving*. "Freely ye have received, freely give." One of the marks of a true Christian is his desire to give to others. First of all, he wants to share the Gospel. Then, he wants to share of his time, talents, and material possessions to help others find Christ. *Selfishness and Christianity cannot walk together.* If a man has any understanding of what it means to be a Christian, then he realizes the privilege and obligation he has to give to others. "Give and it shall be given unto you."

A Christian is not simply a person who *believes* a certain way; he must also *behave* a certain way. Some missionaries visited a heathen village and told the people about Christ. "Oh, we know him!" the natives said, "He used to live here!" Careful investigation showed that a godly missionary had visited the village years before, and had made such a tremendous impression on the natives that they thought he was Jesus Christ!

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There are over 5,000,000 chronic alcoholics in the United States and the number is increasing at the rate of 400,000 to 500,000 per year, according to Lindsay R. Curtis, M.D., in his booklet, *The Truth About Liquor by the Drink*. Seventy percent of these started as teenagers (a recent survey showed that one-third of Junior and Senior High School students drink regularly).

Alcohol is involved in about 75% of all crimes committed and conservative estimates are that 325,000 of the 433,000 divorces in 1964 were caused by the effects of alcohol.

Alcoholism now ranks fourth in the United States as a leading health problem. Only mental illness, heart disease and cancer are more common. The average life expectancy for the alcoholic is 12 years less than for non-drinkers.

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Report On Scioto Hills

The camp trustees of Scioto Hills Baptist Camp met last week and it looks like another great summer for young people. Lord willing, camp brochures will be in your hands before this issue of OIB.

Plans are made for the purchase of 6 large mini-bikes and 4 small ones (same size of last year) and an additional paddle boat. A much needed chapel, simply constructed, is in the plans for this summer. The building used in the past for chapel will be converted into an indoor recreation area.

Camp weeks are from June 15 through August 8, with an additional week designated as "Family Week." Dr. John Reed will be the speaker of the week. Families may bring their camping trailers, tents or whatever you may desire and others, of course, may occupy the cabins as families. Further information will be sent to the church on Family Week soon.

Two men, Rev. George Zinn and Mr. Ted Ocheltree are more than anxious to come to your church to present camp. They will be supplied with slides and important information of the summer's camp program. If you would like to have one of these gentlemen come to your church either Sunday morning or Sunday evening or during your midweek service, will you kindly contact Rev. Warren Allen, Box 111, Arcanum, Ohio 45304. In the event that one of these men was contacted personally, please notify Brother Allen so that there will be no conflict on dates.

Two Work Weeks are planned again this year — May 4 through May 16. If you can come for a brief or long period of time we would certainly appreciate it.

We are deeply grateful for the Fair Share money that is sent to the camps. This enables us to make the necessary improvements taken from the general fund. All Fair Share money goes entirely to the principle of loans.

We will be looking for you at camp and please pray with us for spiritual results at all three camps.

Called To Michigan

Associate Pastor Gary Moosey, Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church, has been called to serve as Youth Minister of the South Baptist Church, Flint, Michigan. He began there February 15.

Seminary's A Capella Choir



The Baptist Bible Seminary (Clarks Summit, Pa.) a cappella choir sang at the International Salt Company during the Christmas season this year. They presented their Christmas concert during the employees lunch hour. This is the second year the students have sung for ISC. The choir is presently hard at work on its spring concert and the completion of plans for its tour of the southeastern states in late March and early April. The group is under the direction of Donald Ellsworth, Chairman of the Music Department. Upon return to Clarks Summit the choir will present its concert at the Abington Heights Senior High School Auditorium, April 18, for the Seminary family and friends.

The Student Missions Fellowship of Baptist Bible Seminary is sponsoring its annual missionary conference March 9 through 13. SMF President,

Fred Witman, has worked with his officers to make this one of the best conferences yet. Among the missionary personnel are Baptist Mid-Missions' Bill Fusco, on furlough from Italy; ABWE's Bill Large, on furlough from Peru, FBHM's Arnold Olse and EBM's Dave Kepple, missionary pilot from the Niger.

To prepare hearts for the conference, the SMF leaders have introduced a pre-conference series of three evening meetings, February 2 through 27, with Dr. David Seymour, a veteran missionary under BMM in Africa.

Plans are already in process for the annual Prospective Student Day on April 17. Students from many parts of the country are expected to visit B.B.S. campus to benefit from the workshops, orientation, counsel, sports and social events of the day.

Taken By Surprise!

I work for the Department of Internal Revenue. Yes, I am the chap that everybody loathes, I go over income tax returns.

The other day I checked a queer return. Some guy with an income under \$5,000 claimed he gave \$624 to some church. Sure, he was within the limit — but it looked mighty suspicious to me. So I grabbed a taxi and dropped in on the guy, asked him about his "contributions"!

I thought he'd get nervous like most of them do, and say that he might have made a mistake. But not this guy! He came back at me with the figure of \$624 without batting an eyelash.

"Do you have a receipt from the church?" I asked, figuring that would make him squirm.

"Sure," he said, "I always keep them in the drawer where I keep my church envelopes." And off he went to fetch his receipts.

Well, he had me! One look at the receipts and I knew he was on the level. So I apologized for bothering him, explaining that I have to check on deductions that seem unusually high. And when we shook hands at the door, he said, "I'd like to invite you to attend our church sometime."

"Thanks," I replied, "But I belong to a church myself."

"Pardon me," he said, "that possibility hadn't occurred to me."

As I rode the taxi home, I kept wondering what he meant by that remark. It wasn't until Sunday morning, when I dropped my usual quarter into the collection plate, that it came to me."

. . . Selected

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is statement I say 'now that is fine. I shall write it all out as you said it. I shall then take over.' He went on to say in force, since then he had closed the secret service department, he did not listen to many tales. Whisperers are to be told to write it down.

This dust-bowl would have disappeared long ago if all persons in any form of ministry had locked their ears against persons afraid of their own allegations. If you have something to say derogatory, join the house of Chloe and let your name be quoted.

It would be refreshing to see it in a book or hear it pointed out in sermon or lecture that care-free tongue washers are listed among the polluted of the church and you are not even to associate with them. Read I Cor. 5:11. "Railers" are persons who use abusive language." These are posted in Paul's religious "rogues gallery." See Weymouth. No sadder comment can be made than that many Christian leaders not only condone but welcome the "secret weapon" toters.

It is very probable that these paragraphs may be read by some one or many who have heedlessly peddled their vicious speech wares. Two cours-

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es are open to you. You could repent the same as an alcoholic, a drug addict, or a gambler. For the trusting heart the blood covers every stain.

Or, as such commonly do, you could continue as an unknightly "night rider" who fires from ambush and crawls back into his lair. One cannot know all the great or all the small people who have found their way into Christian society. It is difficult to imagine any one of less weight and value than a practiced member of "the scandal mongers" club. To me such a person is so infinitesimal as to be able to don a ten gallon hat and with walking stick in hand, stride between a reptile and the earth on which he slumbers, causing the loathsome creature no sensory effects.

There is no place in the "Good News" society for the bad news peddlers.

"O for a thousand tongues to sing," not to sting.

Ohio Women Plan Retreats

The Women's Missionary Union of our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches are planning two retreats for 1970. The first of these is to be held at our Scioto Hills Camp. These dates are September 10, 11 and 12. The second retreat will be held at our Sky View Ranch and the dates are September 24, 25 and 26. It is still quite some time into the future, however, the ladies are urged to mark the dates and *do plan on attending!*

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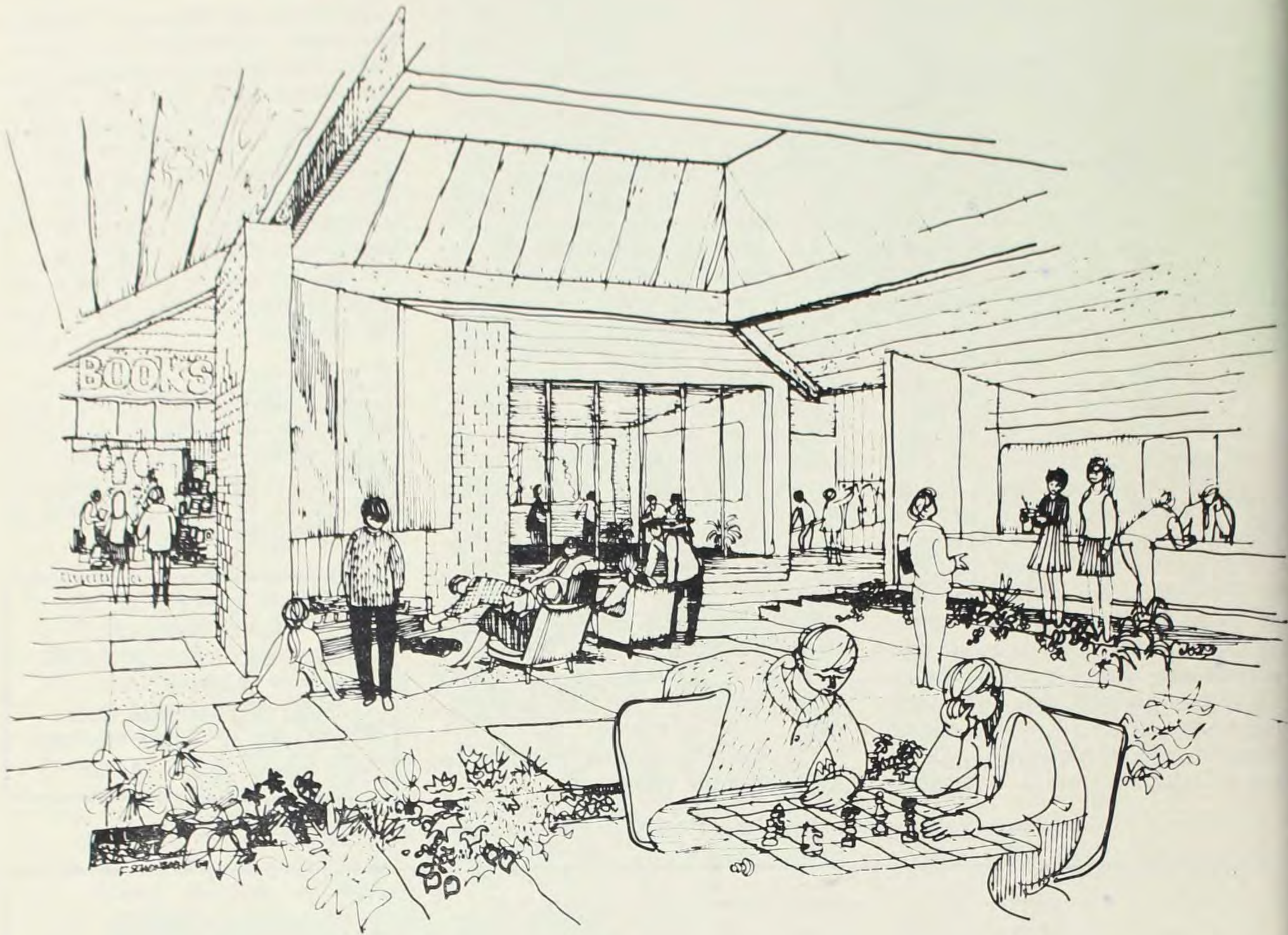
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The interior of the student union will have the relaxing atmosphere of a lodge with a fireplace and lounge. It will provide an ideal setting for students to find relief from the pressures of academic life. The interior features an enclosed mall surrounding the central lounge. Around the perimeter of the lounge will be the cafeteria, snack shop, bookstore, post office and recreational facilities.

The student union is one of three buildings featured in our current campaign, "Three To Grow On." The buildings will become a reality when \$800,000 is received in gifts for the new science center. Filmstrips describing this project are now being circulated among the churches in our mailing list. Pastors are encouraged to share its message with their people so that they may rejoice at what the Lord has done at Cedarville College and pray intelligently about our current project.



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